

To whom it may concern,

Enclosed you will find an Electronic Filing Affidavit to allow Vernon Dawson to start filing on my behalf.

At this point, I would also like to request a waiver of the \$280 fine or at the very least an appearance before the committee by Vernon Dawson on my behalf. I have now hired Mr. Dawson to file and handle all my reports so that I have someone focused on them. There should be no reason for them to be late in the future.

Thanks for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mel Percy', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mel Percy

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February 25, 2016

Mel Percy
4888 Audubon Ln.
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RE: Late fee assessment for the October 24, 2015 Election
10-G Campaign Finance Disclosure Report filed 7 days late

Dear Mel Percy:

Enclosed is an assessment of a late fee pursuant to La R.S. 18:1505.4 and La. R.S. 18:1511.4.1. Please submit a check or money order in the amount of **\$280** payable to the Treasurer of the State of Louisiana to P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. **Please note that late fees can only be paid by the candidate or by his campaign.**

You have 20 days the receipt of this letter to dispute this assessment. You may elect to do either or both of the following:

1. You may submit your request for a waiver to the attention of the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

Waivers are handled by the Ethics Board. The Board of Ethics may reduce, suspend, or decline to waive a late fee assessment based on the cause shown by the person, candidate, or political committee. If you submit a request for a waiver of the late fee to the Board of Ethics, your request should contain details as to why, in your opinion, you have good cause why your report was not timely filed. Also, if you would like to appear before the Board of Ethics in connection with your request, you should state that in your letter. The request should be submitted to the attention of the Board of Ethics at the following address: P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or fax at (225) 381-7271.

2. You may appeal the assessment directly to the Ethics Adjudicatory Board (EAB).

Appeals to the EAB are proceedings before a three judge panel. The determination is made regarding whether the person, candidate, or political committee was required to file the report and whether the report was filed late. **Mitigating factors are not considered during an EAB proceeding. The EAB does not have the authority to reduce, suspend, or waive a late fee assessment.** If you choose to appeal the assessment to the EAB, you should submit your request for an appeal to the attention of the Executive Secretary of the Louisiana Board of Ethics at P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or fax at (225) 381-7271.

If you timely submit a waiver request or appeal, your name will not be posted on the website pending the result of your appeal. Furthermore, if you request an appearance, you will be notified of the place and time prior to the meeting.

If you do not pay or dispute the assessment of the late fee within 20 days from the receipt of this letter, the matter will be forwarded to the Attorney General's Office to pursue collection. If the matter is forwarded to the Attorney General's Office for collection, you may be responsible for all additional costs incurred. Additionally, late fees not paid by the due date will be posted on the agency website.

You should be aware that unpaid campaign finance fines, fees or penalties may have an adverse effect on your ability to run for public office in the future, as the Board of Ethics will object to your future qualifications for candidacy for public office pursuant to La. R.S. 18:491 and R.S. 18:492.

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

STATE OF LOUISIANA LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS
acting in its capacity as the
SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE

In Re: Mel Percy
October 24, 2015 Election

LATE FEE ASSESSMENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Mel Percy, in his capacity as a candidate for Council Member / District C in the October 24, 2015 election was required to file campaign finance reports pursuant to La. R. S. 18:1484.

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 18:1505.1 provides that it is a violation of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act to fail to timely file campaign finance reports.

WHEREAS, in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1495.4B(5), Mel Percy was required to file a 10th Day Prior to General Report (10-G) by November 12, 2015. Mel Percy filed the report on November 19, 2015 and was 7 days late.

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(2)(a)(iii) provides that an automatic late fee of \$40 per day (not to exceed \$1,000) be assessed against Mel Percy for this late filing.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED that a late fee of \$280 is assessed against Mel Percy for failure to timely file his campaign finance disclosure report.

ORDER signed on the 25th day of February 2016 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.


Chris Sommers - Director, Campaign Finance